

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 [HCR 1]**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session of the State of Missouri, the Senate concurring therein, that the House of Representatives and the Senate convene in Joint Session in the Hall of the House of Representatives at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 20, 2010, to receive a message from His Excellency, the Honorable Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, Governor of the State of Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a committee of ten (10) from the House be appointed by the Speaker to act with a committee of ten (10) from the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tem, to wait upon the Governor of the State of Missouri and inform His Excellency that the House of Representatives and Senate of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, are now organized and ready for business and to receive any message or communication that His Excellency may desire to submit, and that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to inform the Senate of the adoption of this resolution.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 [HCR 2]**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session of the State of Missouri, the Senate concurring therein, that the House of Representatives and the Senate convene in Joint Session in the Hall of the House of Representatives at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 3, 2010, to receive a message from His Honor Chief Justice Ray Price, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a committee of ten (10) from the House be appointed by the Speaker to act with a committee of ten (10) from the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tem, to wait upon the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Missouri and inform His Honor that the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, are now organized and ready for business and to receive any message or communication that His Honor may desire to submit, and that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to inform the Senate of the adoption of this resolution.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38 [HCR 38]**

Whereas, unfunded federal mandates place unreasonable demands on limited state resources; and

Whereas, the federal government has continuously exhibited a lack of understanding and regard to states who are required by their respective constitutions to balance spending with resources; and

Whereas, the continuous imposition of these mandates will place the State of Missouri in a position of either funding federal requirements with limited resources, thus causing reductions to other state services, or they will impede the state from drawing down federal funds for currently enacted programs:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby urgently request the United States Congress to cease and desist from imposing continuous unfunded mandates on states; and

Be it further resolved that the General Assembly urgently requests that the Governor of the State of Missouri and the Missouri Congressional delegation resist continued funding requirements for the Missouri budget; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, Governor Jay Nixon, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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#### **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46 [HCR 46]**

Whereas, energy policy and regulation are vital to Missouri's economy and which have a direct impact on Missouri families, farmers, businesses, and employees; and

Whereas, on December 7, 2009, the Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed two distinct findings regarding greenhouse gases under Section 202(c) of the federal Clean Air Act:

(1) Endangerment Finding: the Administrator finds that the current and projected concentrations of the six key well-mixed greenhouse gases - carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), and sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) - in the atmosphere threaten the public health and welfare of current and future generations;

(2) Cause and Contribute Finding: the administrator finds that the combined emissions of these well-mixed greenhouse gases from new motor vehicles and new motor vehicle engines contribute to the greenhouse gas pollution which threatens public health and welfare; and

Whereas, this finding by the EPA, if implemented, will cost Missouri jobs and raise electric rates on families, farmers, businesses, and employees; and

Whereas, the people of Missouri are dependent on coal for their electricity, obtaining approximately 80 - 85% of electrical energy from coal for their homes, farms, and businesses. This heavy dependence on coal is common throughout the Midwestern states; and

Whereas, Missouri's electric rates consistently rank among the lowest cost states in the union, and is one of only three states in the United States to see electricity rates drop in the years 2000 to 2008, and by the largest percentage (6%), making Missouri attractive to business and industry, creating jobs, and making Missouri a low-cost place to live; and

Whereas, the technology of the 21st Century is providing cleaner yet still affordable baseload electrical generation from coal, including Super Critical Pulverized Coal (Prairie State in Illinois) and Ultra Supercritical Pulverized Coal (Turk in Arkansas) as well as developing options for coal to liquids, coal to gas, and carbon sequestration; and

Whereas, the focus in Missouri and throughout the coal-dependent Midwest should be on how to use technology to burn coal more cleanly and move towards cleaner burning options like

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Ultra Supercritical Pulverized Coal, rather than a punitive system that drives up costs, leads to lower baseload energy production, and inhibits or prevents progress on a fuel that the United States has in abundance within its own borders:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby:

(1) Request that our elected statewide officials express their opposition to the further acceptance or approval of the Environmental Protection Agency formal endangerment finding on greenhouse gases;

(2) Convey that it is not well taken by and harmful to the State of Missouri;

(3) Urge the Environmental Protection Agency to rescind their recent formal endangerment finding on greenhouse gases; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Governor Jay Nixon, President Barack Obama, President of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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